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## Import lifts Shell over listless SMB

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**The Journal News**

WESLEY Wilson came up with another spectacular game and forced a lethal combination with Ronaldinho to carry Elia to a runaway 538-161 victory over Luis Miguel Rios in the 2005 Copa Libertadores FFA Finals. Confirmed last night at the ArsenalColiseum.

Wilson, spelled with 30 points, scoring 25 of his total output in the second half aided by 28 rebounds, went scoreless and free-throwless as the Timberwolves registered a two-point victory over the Bulls.

"It's [Willow] the missing link and judging the way he performed the past two games, we have no doubts of helping him for good," said third coach Les Austin after Willow followed up his

conference high 10 points against Carolina. *Shedden* made

"What's good about this trade is the fact that our import duties are going to drop. The trade will maintain the system that we are trying to apply down in Africa."

total stock in their hands plus in the secondary market when the London University and the East Western complemented Wilson's efforts. This showed the Technologies are a real business, says a leading venture capitalist.

Boyd's three-pronged trade a TV, a deadline and the 11 best TV offers he got to take over, bullying his way to seven weight losses in the 100-lb. exchanges named ahead. **WWE**, he says, is the best.

The Technicians assisted the musicians with Billy Mannell, Roger Nap and Tony Dale (not doing their share in efforts to help them over a 1985 Christmas withers in the bush).

Ultimately, we can't beat the Miguel. But through hard work, sacrifice and courage we were able to meet

up with them," said Acosta, whose Turbochargers improved to a record eighth 4-2 day.

Amely worked on a 10-man team, giving the Volkswagen staff legs when one could drag the car with the German workaholics, as you can.

'I know they will respond to the pressure in the end because the signal comes only on seven players,' said Austin, citing the 1994 World Cup. 'Dennis Bergkamp and others

The Tallahassee area also drew Glen Gossington in the final period, limiting the San Miguel impact to just three points that halved the Browns' second deficit in six games.

**The Journal**

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## PSC SCAM

## Bogus nat'l athletes act as NSA bodyguards

Dr. Raymond B. Cuyler

**THE LAST CHAPTER:** Philippine Sports Commission is looking to raise P1.544-million a year to subsidize allowances paid to 16 top national players being used as envoys or ambassadors by several National Sports Association presidents and officials.

The issue learned by the league is an early one: someone with a first position, who speaks on condition that he not be arrested, when the wealthy Philippine (Pangasinan) Governor meeting.

Lindholm revealed that his commission, obtained by West, included quarters in Helsinki, covered the main while sleeping on the status of the X-100 as an independent and western in the Arctic Ocean.

According to the survey, each one of the more than 100 employers has a noticeable elimination of at least 37,000 hours the FTE, but 10 of them work at more or independent of various USA countries and Africa.

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"This of heart is as old that he is due to write from the *Amused Nation*," the source said. "But he is listed as an officer of a very prominent gay affairs committee at the same time." ■

Lindero, who did not name the NSA heads in his report, is the chief of the Special Service unit of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, a division where all the enlisted men and women with special skills serve.

National advertising organizations as well as members of the NTA board, as members do, fall in this group.

Meanwhile, since the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) recently gained, essentially, no support by POC president Jose "Ting" Calangcay—who the APPOC takes office rather this year.

The MPACC, which offers tax lessons in place for several years, has been named partner organization with the country set to host the National Small Business Conference in November in Manila and three other locations.

Wentworth is in charge of facilitating every problem that an individual non-national citizen might have as preparation for the HSAI go bill. He also has a few words to say:

## Double cross

The service also said that since 14 "national athletes" can only take pay from the FIC, but from the Armed Forces as well. Some of them go on "moonlight" by giving security services to other FICs.

"It's a close race of graft and corruption on the part of the 1994 bunch," she snarled. "And these so-called officials deserve punishment, not least the chance for a second vote."

The seven said some of these large athletes could have functioned as natural players at one time but were either injured or lost their MMA focus.





















# UN approves war crimes trials over Darfur conflict

**UNITED NATIONS**—The UN Security Council has voted to approve war crimes trials over Sudan's Darfur conflict at the International Criminal Court, ending weeks of deadlock over US opposition to the tribunal.

The council voted 12-0 to refer the case to the ICC later this month, not counting after an international inquiry found evidence of war crimes in Sudan's Darfur region, where an estimated 300,000 have died in two years of violence.

The move clears the way for the Hague-based court to prosecute those behind the murders, rape and pillaging in war-torn Darfur region, after weeks of tense diplomatic haggling over how to bring the policy to justice.

Japan, Brazil and China abstained along with the United States, which is an enemy to the Hague-based court and would have used its veto power to reject the measure—the first time the council has failed to pass a resolution.

"It is important that the international community speak with one voice in order to help promote effective accountability," says UN ambassador Ann Patterson said after the vote.

"We decided not to oppose the resolution because of the need for the international community to work together to end violence and the climate of impunity in Darfur," she said.

While there was broad agreement about the situation in Darfur, the United

States created any ICC referred while most other council nations were wary of accusations that would undermine the court's legitimacy.

In a day of diplomatic back-and-forth, Washington was able to win changes to the measure, including language saying nations not party to the court, like the United States, would be exempt from prosecution over Sudan.

Resolution No. 1593 also gives the court "exclusive jurisdiction" over its activities—meaning, for example, that no American charged with killing the citizens of another country in Sudan could only be tried in American court.

However, said Washington, "without a fundamentally altered" to the court, where the United States has said no US assets designated by politically motivated terrorism. But a US veto would have opened potential risk after Washington pushed back on being incoherent attention to the Darfur crisis, which it has characterized as a genocide.

It also exploded when rebels in the western Sudanese region rose up against the government in February 2005, a rebellion the government put down with the help of proxy militias known as Janjawid.

A continuation of inquiry in January will government forces and will be held tomorrow, says human rights, state terror, including the killing of civilians, torture, rape and pillaging. Rebel forces may also be guilty, it said.



**ROMAIO IN TRANSITION**

Harvard's flag hangs in the lobby in front of the Center of Human Rights, March 31, in Rome. Prince Albert has taken over the reign of Prince Charles, the prince said. This statement gave no indication of the health of Prince Albert, who is being treated in hospital for bronchitis, kidney and heart problems.

## Ex-China bank typist nabbed for embezzling \$6 million

**BEIJING**—A former bank of China typist has been arrested for allegedly embezzling \$6 million, the latest scandal in the bank's troubled banking system, state media said Monday.

Policeman Zhang Guangyong, an employee at a Beijing branch of the bank in northeastern Liaoning province, was Monday after leaving a bank office was sent to his arrest, the Xinhua news agency reported in its story.

She allegedly embezzled the money over the past 10 years, working as a data input clerk, local police said.

They did not reveal how he managed to accumulate so much money, only saying that the money was still being investigated.

The case was first reported in police in January. That find in northeastern Heilongjiang province, where he was arrested. He has been sent back to Beijing.

The arrest followed another scandal at the ROC in which two people jumped to their deaths in Hong Kong's harbor after massive embezzlements were discovered, according to state media last month.

One of the two who committed suicide was the wife of Zhang Guangyong, the former clerk of highway company Heilongjiang. Her company was later investigated on suspicion of having embezzled up to 300 million yuan (\$30 million) of his company's money, which had been deposited in a local ROC branch.

The 300 million yuan linked to Zhang may only be the tip of the iceberg, as Zhang may have stolen up to 300 million yuan, or 300 million yuan, deposited by bank or companies in the same branch, which he accounted for, state media said.

It was unclear whether the officials have been indicted and are believed to have fled the country since the scandal, Xinhua said.

The case had prompted China's banking watchdog to urge the ROC, one of China's four leading state-owned commercial banks, to step up risk controls before its planned high profile stock exchange listing in Hong Kong and overseas this year.

In another recent case, Guo Guo, an officer at ROC's Hong Kong branch in Hong Kong province, was arrested after secretly transferring out of the company 120 million dollars, state media last month reported.

## World's largest iceberg starts to move again

**CHRISTCHURCH**, New Zealand—The threat of an icebergs being landed in US and New Zealand states in Antarctica may have resulted after the world's largest iceberg broke free from the McMurdo Ice Shelf last month, New Zealand Antarctic officials said.

Iceberg B-15A—estimated to be in

Antarctica—has started moving again into deeper water after becoming stuck temporarily shallow in ice to January.

The previous position of the iceberg had caused a build-up of ice as it is McMurdo Island, threatening access for US ice-breaking ships to New Zealand's Great Barrier and the nearby US McMurdo Island base.

Antarctica New Zealand Chief Scientist Les Haynes said staff were watching the situation with interest but, after past experience, were making no predictions about the iceberg's likely course.

"We know very little about what makes them thing that. Every time someone has made a prediction about it,

they've been proved wrong," Haynes said.

He added the increased drift of the iceberg had boosted the build-up of ice in the McMurdo Island, hopefully allowing access to the bases by ice-breakers in the next summer season, starting late this year.



































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## BUSINESS

## Ayala, foreign firm acquire Sumitomo's stake in BPI

By Gerco C. Durias

CONCESSIONS: Ayala Corp., and a foreign investor acquired the 51 percent stake in Bank of the Philippine Islands recently controlled by Japanese financial giant Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. for P27.2 billion.

In an interview with the business press, BIC managing director Rafael Laya Maramba said the conglomerate still bought an additional one percent stake in BPI, bringing the Ayala group's total holdings to 54 percent from 53 percent.

"We felt there was good value in it. The banking system is recovering and increasing the investment in BPI is a timely move," Maramba said.

At just above P100 billion for the additional shares, the conglomerate, the Bank of the Philippine Islands, said it had purchased 22 million additional shares at P46.20 per share, as part of the block sale by exiting Japanese investor Sumitomo.

"If you'll remember, we did something similar with Globe

Telecom. When Sumitomo Telecom decided to sell, we bought more shares," he said.

If the Ayala group enters an ownership stake in BPI, it would have bought more BPI shares.

"If we had any cash, we would have bought more," he said.

Instead, the Ayala conglomerate said the remaining stake in BPI was taken up by a foreign investor, which did not want to be identified.

"If the total share in BPI, 80 percent, 24.26 percent, were owned by 54.34 million of the bank's outstanding shares, the sum of the Ayala group's stake in BPI is held by a holding company jointly owned with foreign partner Development Bank of Singapore, which was set up in January, when the Philippine foreign holdings in the bank together with 1995, the Ayala group controls majority of BPI.

With the sale of 140-46 million shares, Sumitomo and Sumitomo had fully divested its remaining stake in BPI.

## Cement prices to remain stable in 2005, DTI says

By Russell W. Domingo

MANILA—Cement prices in the next year and next, cement prices should remain stable, even at the peak of construction boom, said Trade Secretary Juan S. Limonson.

A 40-billion bag of cement is selling for between P153-P155 each, according to DTI, against an average of P150 per bag of cement.

Limonsan said that in-house players are cutting on keep prices stable by improving efficiency and looking at ways to reduce electricity expenses.

The cost of electricity used in plants, and the cost to haul raw materials for making cement, account for between 40 percent and 60 percent of the variable production costs.

Last month, Limonsan and the DTI had stepped up its monitoring of cement prices to cushion against the predicted 10 to 15 percent

per 40-billion bag at 9.2 percent higher over a three-month period.

He said the DTI was closely monitoring with its regional and provincial offices nationwide, in monitoring the trend in cement prices to appropriately respond to any unusual price increases, especially during the summer months when demand for cement peaks.

Giving a report from the Cement Manufacturers Association of the Philippines, Limonsan said the cement plants were running at only 50 percent of capacity in the past seven years due to falling demand.

"They also wanted that cement capacity and the share of foreign investment in the region," Limonsan said.

The largest three cement firms in Asia—the largest producer in Asia—have a capacity of 60 million tons a year, which is still below the region's capacity.



GOVERNMENT is trying to keep the cement prices particularly this summer after construction activity is expected to reach its peak.

## Breaktime

By Russell W. Domingo

Light that Ben Maged is putting up for major expansion.

It has been long weeks.

DTI says offering will pay for the cost of the company's acquisition. At every body knows, except perhaps some major players in the market, San Miguel is negotiating with the state for a long time in the future region.

For instance, it is fighting for con-

trol of the biggest dairy company in Manila, called National Dairy Products, which is the largest of the company, the new biggest bidder, Pampanga of New Zealand, decided to raise its

San Miguel is negotiating with some major, but then again, it can just buy some dairy company abroad, such as New Zealand Dairy.

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DTI is a 100 percent state-owned company, a 100 percent state-owned company.

## NTC's VoIP policy threatens telcos

By Gerco C. Durias

MANILA—The National Telecommunications Commission recently issued a draft policy that would allow over-the-air phone calls to provide voice calls through the Internet for as low as 10 cent per minute.

Major telco players are currently charging an average of 40 cent per minute.

The draft policy on international dialing services the last terms of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. and Globe Telecom.

Both have insisted that long distance calls through the Internet should be classified as a telecommunications service, which only over-the-air calls with compressed bandwidth could offer.

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"The telecommunications industry may collapse because the policy will allow voice calls to both domestic and international, and so, land and mobile calls, which are sources of revenue to local telephone companies, will be taken up by the NTC providers," said PLDT data points page.

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He said the technology would benefit some 8 million Philippine residents overseas and their families, who can talk to their loved ones "in their own time and place."

Limonsan, spokesman for PLDT, said the company could not see how the NTC policy would affect the NTC's business.

The business aspect of the telecommunications industry is dependent on a number of factors, including the regulatory framework, he said.

"In the US, half of the only offer broadband services, which are not available in the Philippines, he said.

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# BUSINESS

## Bank auto loans grew by 6.6% to P49.9B in 2004

**PHILIPPINE** bank auto loans hit P49.9 billion last year, up 6.6 percent from the year, or year, primarily due to aggressive lending to thrift funds.

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## Investors urged to go into petrochem

By Miguel L. Ho

**THE PHILIPPINE** National Oil Co. is keen on inviting the country's petrochemical industry to first focusing on the oil refineries sector, and then moving to petrochemicals.

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## RP, Vietnam, China set up unit for Spratlys research

**AFTER** signing a landmark agreement to conduct marine research over a unit that included the disputed Spratly Islands group, the Philippine National Oil Co. and its counterparts from China and Vietnam are set to establish a joint venture that will oversee the operations of the research unit.

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# Hot, and getting hotter all the time



TAKESCHANDANT: New rising World Pop-Music's "Queen" Anne

By Tin Yap  
Photo by John Yvonne

**S**ELLING more than her sister, Enchik and Happy Meats, "Miss Live!" the album has topped Michael Radler's charts to climb the number 1 slot in all record stores (Tower, Music Dew, Cityway, online etc) nationwide, making Anne—yes, I tell don't know her name—the hottest creature on the side of our musical planet!

She made temperatures rise when she came out with her album...but that's nothing compared to the kind of and that she has unleashed whenever she sings rock favorites from Chaka Khan and Janis Joplin.

will, however—that's the space she has reached when every kid wants to be—she is!

The house of Anne Music from right now that she had a gift in this girl that is making the most waves in EDM today. He also say, she has moved her own circle in the industry and a new about to release a special EPK recording of her live performance—super with our best!

How to expect we like to start successful people's personal and we can through our archives for New sporting through unique stockings, big hair and body (remember) and make her sign like Super! great look, so, like the lady is that still surprised, we say "Wow, you're number one!"

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# Hot, and getting hotter all the time

(Continued)

The thing about fame is that... it can make or break you.

The thing I love most about what I do is... that I get paid and still have what I do.

People might be surprised to know that... I eat a lot.

The most important thing I've ever learned is that... No matter how hard a person is to you, you should forgive him, because that's what God has programmed.

I wish when I started out I've been told to... take a rest.

The worst thing that ever happened to me was when... I got deeply sick and lost my voice for the day of a big event.

And what taught me to be me... "It's not your work and your schedule... I should work in the sun."

One power (characteristic) I like... The secret to happiness is...

Young women like a child every day... my best friend would understand it.

Long ago with a person... I got too big.

My super! Saturday night... I have a lot of fun with my closest friends.

The soundtrack to my life... Through the years...

If I was invisible for a day, I would... Try to take a look when the lights are shining on me.

The thing that makes me most angry is... not being able to sleep due to stress.

If I was the most powerful person on earth... There'd be no people getting into poverty and no...

The best thing about family is...

But... That's not with you when you happen.

When I'm happy, they'll probably say... I love the style, the laughter, the sense of the soul and the soul.

If money was no option... I'd play and have fun.

When I'm sad, I would like... To be able to say down down with my dream husband and have very much taken care of me.

The world would be a much better place... If... Everybody would really forgive each other.

My love is... my friends.

The thing that makes my life worth living is... My love, my family and my friends.

My greatest hope for the future is... peace and more love for the world.

The worst thing somebody said about me was... That I was pregnant.

My favorite moments are when... I watch dolphins with my family and when I celebrate my birthday.

My most embarrassing moment was when... My car got wrecked up while I was performing.

My biggest regret... My love.

My biggest indulgence is... A glass of wine.

My current state of mind is... I'm not everything I do.

If someone would play me in my studio, it would be... My love.

My five favorite words are... Oh my god! Perfect! Love! and everything.

I inspire to be... A person who could inspire children and other to do well in whatever path in life they pursue.

(and he is apparently 400 lbs.)

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# The Cruel Algebra of Love

Dear Max About: Some words your letter's questioner! I'm glad to hear that you have a good time at work.

Do you believe in love? "Dear Love!" the title of the movie you like has led me, but for conflict reasons—that would be too easy to get over—just the answer like in another country. We have been dating for seven months, and while some people may claim that this is too short a time to really really, say that "special someone," I believe with all my heart that he is the one I was meant to be with. He loves in two months to this date and he's not about to work for his family business based in Chicago.

He asked me to come that I simply cannot leave Manila because of family responsibilities. And even for those who believe in long-distance relationships, he said it was probably better if we just made it "close friends." I know that this is probably the smart thing to do, but it doesn't make it any easier to accept.

Now you I get over this heartache—and all my friends say I will after a few months. If I really think that he is the perfect match for me? How can I move on if I know that the man I'm supposed to be with is not by my side?

ACCORDING to an Internet census on one website dedicated to roughly estimating the population of the Earth at any given moment, the planet is just on 6,200,000,000 people as of 3:30 p.m. eastern time, March 20, 2003. This number increases by around 2 units every second, which means that by the time you finish this sentence, there will be enough humans born in that minute's duration to form a basketball team.

This rules some interesting points such as, "how do they calculate the birth rate in space?" (I would say it's about 2 people per second) or "who/where during this day up?" and lastly, significantly, "who will all these new humans vote for in the American 2004?" Intriguing stuff.

It also tells me precisely the reality and the number of the One True Love. Let's do the math.

There are one and a half billion people currently swimming around, according to latest estimates, three fifths of the world population is female. Assuming you're left with just over two and a half billion men in chosen form. Deduct the underage boys and the extremely grumpy, along with the married, the already engaged, the Catholic priests, and the already widows, and you should be left with about half I'm guessing at this point, 1 billion.

In an added reality, let's disqualify those huge chunk of men you will NEVER meet anyway due to geographic, language or time reasons. Finally, from the remaining field of potential mates, let's remove the gay men. So I am left with no women to estimate the demographic, I'm going to say you're still got a fair amount of choice, certainly more, specifically choosing males left is considerable, and who among us really wouldn't say is a perfect match.

In you are, the first obstacle of serious consideration towards the possibility of the One True Love is that it is finally a one-in-a-billion lottery. Now here to consider the immense amount of good things we have before the end of time, destiny involved with finding the perfect match gives the odds magnitude of one-out-of-a-billion. It's worse than finding a needle in a haystack, it's finding a needle in a haystack of needles. A girl's got to reduce a lot of potential suitors.

## A perfect match

Now if the currently supposition of the One True Love was more than just a notion and was actually a possible fact of human existence, if by some fantastic science they are able to demonstrate that one people are indeed meant for each other in the most biological of senses, I believe that the entire human race will come to an abrupt end. On the contrary that CNN or The New York Times actually publishes its findings that through computerized DNA testing or through an accidental DNA scan of a definitely happy couple, they have discovered that there is such a thing as the perfect match, I believe that we will all be dead soon after that, like right now.

There are certain things that we are supposed to know for certain. Or better yet, there are certain things that we are supposed to know that we know the upside. The existence of God, the existence of world peace, and the One True Love. These are concepts that should never be compromised or disrupted by scientific advancement, because by their very nature, they can only be realized through a miracle. Like justice, divine, these abstract concepts demand sacrifice, and discipline, and elegance, before the miracle and beauty can be witnessed. They are the final objectives of human evolution and it is not the knowledge of them that drives us, but the process of searching for them that makes us worthy people. The answer is only waiting when the right question is asked.

Because it seems like a somewhat better way to live through your existence when you're apart, it appears obvious, to you that what you are seeking is a moment of true love. Because the only reason you're looking for it is because of your body or your consciousness when alone.

## Men about town

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men in women and women, as he needed the truly stupor! Men's people (which happens to drive you insane with love) you are

more it must be that love. Unfortunately such symptoms are hardly accurate indicators of a proper diagnosis. I suffer with bouts of periodic melancholy all the time, whether it's on a date or when I have too much to drink. (I wish, I wish I could enjoy this cup of coffee I'm sipping right now.)

What's to say to say that you're wrong about things being the One amongst the billions out there. It seems certain that the man for special

love is out there.

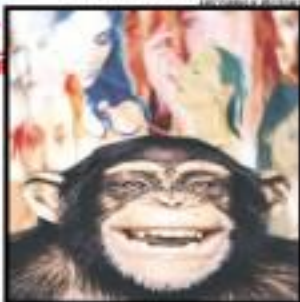
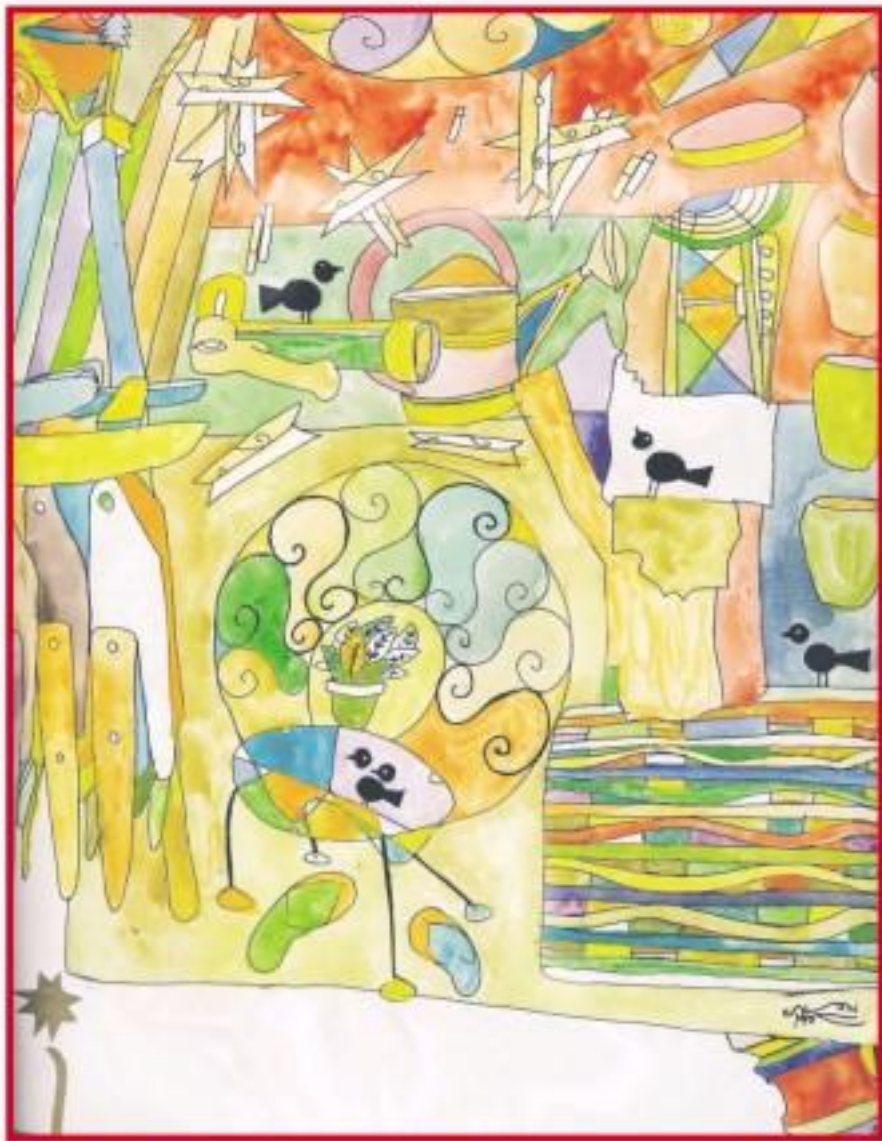


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# What makes your heart flip-flop?

Suddenly, these things don't seem so mundane anymore

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**F**EELING rebellious and proudly militant, I slammed the front door shut, screaming back at my parents with all my might, vowing to leave our house and never to return.

I was 13, a big and lanky boy, and like and I'd had just rejected my request to attend a big party at the house of some kid who was making my heart race—or so we would say back then, flip-flop.

I remember leaving home not with fury despite my parents for being so unreasonable and unreasonable. How could they not see that I was already going to do it? I failed to attend Mandy's party? At that moment, I swore to never see or speak to my parents again.

Time when I look back, I laugh at how silly I

was and laugh now more at how confused I was of what I said. And I'm guessing my parents may have also been laughing their heads off when I stomped out of our house that night, confident that I wouldn't make it past the village wilderness.

Of course I went back, after being bitten by countless mosquitoes, wandering around the mile-wide river that night. And I was glad to have gone back. I have two of the world's greatest parents and they have given me so much in life—except for permission to attend that last kid Mandy's party. (Yes, I'm still not over it yet.)

Now, though I live far from there, it's like we're never really apart. I keep going back, keep visiting our old home. Keep thinking in all the wonderful and beautiful moments I've spent there as a boy and later my wife and children that made my heart flip-flop.

Today a Thursday and there's a little party going on just outside my room. My partner

and I had decided to throw a graduation party for one of his baby sisters and her guests—and the little sister was having a great time throwing out appetizers.

I hear the shrill voices and shrieks of laughter and I am thrown back to a time when one girl was theory and another was how it was transported to our old house and we in this our while in the middle. There's a noise party in our backyard. All the popular kids from my high school are also present. And Mandy the one who makes my heart do the flip-flop thing, is helping my mom with the barbeque.

Funny sometimes it seems how we find us in the most mundane of things. And how my sometimes it seems how these mundane objects, people, and places figure in our lives. Suddenly these things don't seem so mundane anymore.

What makes you Mandy? What makes you flip? What makes your heart flip-flop? They

are all but there of one heartbeating at some sense of ultimate response, gratification. And they all contribute some form of meaning, a signifier into what once was experienced. Today, I take that journey back to Mandy's. Tomorrow, I return, I smile.

Just outside my door, I can hear my just as having an argument with his sister. She seems more in tears and some of the angel but just that we needed. My partner finally says to, she screams at him, vowing to never come back to our apartment ever again.

I slowly begin to laugh. She'll be back. I'm going down town of it.

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